

STATUTORY AND ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCES

The many residents who give countless hours of volunteer time are a major factor in making Teaneck a special place. The Township Council takes this opportunity to thank all who participate actively in municipal government as unpaid members of Statutory Boards and Commissions and Advisory Boards and Task Forces. It is impossible to place a monetary value on their service.

Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Boards and Commissions in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org as available or in the applicable State laws.

We also take this opportunity to highlight some of the Boards and Commissions:

Statutory Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustment: The Teaneck Township Board of Adjustment is established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 et seq., and consists of seven members and four alternate members, composed of and appointed by the Township Council. All members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment must be residents of the Township. No member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment may hold any elective office or position in the Township.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has the powers prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 et seq. to: Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged by the appellant that there is error in any order, requirement, decision or refusal made by an administrative official or agency based on or made in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. Hear and decide requests for interpretation of the map or Zoning Ordinance or for decisions upon other special questions upon which such Board is authorized by the Zoning Ordinance to pass. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org or in the State Law referred to above.

Environmental Commission: The Teaneck Environmental Commission advises the Planning Board on environmental aspects of site plans, Master Plan development, and advises the Township Council about the sale of Township property. It is empowered by Statute to "conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land area of the municipality and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans, and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its purposes. It shall keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open space, marshland, swamps, and other wetlands." (NJSA 40:56A-2 - 1989). Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Commission in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org or in the State Law referred to above.

Planning Board: The Teaneck Township Planning Board is established N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and consists of nine (9) members and two (2) alternate members, composed of and appointed as follows: (a) Class I: the Mayor; b) Class II: one (1) of the officials of the township, other than a member of the Council, to be appointed by the Mayor, provided that, if there is an Environmental Commission, one (1) member of that Commission shall also be a member of the Planning Board and shall be deemed to be a Class II Planning Board member if there are both a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and a member of the Board of Education among the Class IV members; (c) Class III: a member of the Council, to be appointed by the Council.; (d) Class IV: six (6) other citizens of the township, to be appointed by the Council, who shall hold no other municipal office, except that one (1) member may be a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and one (1) may be a member of the Board of Education.

A member of the Environmental Commission, who is also a member of the Planning Board, shall be deemed to be a Class IV member unless there are among the Class IV members of the Planning Board both a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and a member of the Board of Education, in which case the member of the Environmental Commission shall be deemed to be the Class II member of the Planning Board.

The Planning Board's responsibilities, duties and authorities are outlined in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25 and in the Township Code, and include:

To make, adopt and amend a Master Plan for land use within the Township which protects the public health and safety and promotes the general welfare, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 et seq.; to administer the provisions of Township ordinances which govern land subdivision and site plan review in accordance with those ordinances and State law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-37 et

seq.); to approve conditional use applications in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-67; to participate in the preparation and review of programs or plans required by State or Federal law/regulation; to assemble data on a continuing basis as part of a continuous planning process; to consider/make reports to the Township Council, within 35 days after referral, on any proposed development regulation submitted to the Planning Board and also act upon other matters specifically referred to the Planning Board by the Council pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 (a) and (b); when reviewing applications for approval of subdivision plats, site plans or conditional uses, grant variances to the same extent and subject to the same restrictions as the Zoning Board of Adjustment, from lot, area, lot dimension, setback and yard requirements, but only pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-60. Notice of hearing on the development application must include reference to the request for a variance(s).

The Planning Board is obligated to seek input from the Environmental Commission on every development application made to the Board and give the Commission an opportunity to comment in writing prior to the Board taking action.

Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org or in the State Law referred to above.

Advisory Boards and Commissions:

Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board: The Board's mission is the design and development of a walking path along the 3.5 mile length of the Hackensack River as it runs along the west side of Teaneck. Recreation opportunities include canoeing, birding, and photography. Additional objectives are creation of a naturalized buffer to improve the health of the Hackensack River and provide habitat for recently increasing variety of wildlife.

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Advisory Board: The Board advises the Township Council, the Planning Board, the Recreation Master Planner and the Superintendent of Recreation on matters relating to parks, play areas and recreation. The Board also provides input on the annual Recreation Department budget. The Board always seeks to enhance the quality of life in the Township and has assisted in projects including the Adopt-a-Park Program, expansion of the Hackensack River Greenway through Teaneck including the Fairleigh Dickinson Campus, the preparation of a Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan, the installation of a pilot Arboretum program in Phelps Park, the support of the Township Council to place a referendum question on the November 2004 and 2008 ballot for the establishment of a Municipal Open Space Trust Fund, the consideration of the development of a dog park, the exploration of funding opportunities for the restoration of the Andreas Park Carriage House including the possible development of a trail-side museum and recreational facility and

improving bicycle routes in Teaneck. The Board also had an advisory role in the establishment of the Playground for Children, as well as an active involvement in the future field improvements in Votee Park. New members are always welcome!

Patriotic Observance Advisory Board: The Board is appointed each year by the Township Council. Its members represent various civic and veterans' organizations as well as the community at large. The Board has the overall responsibility to coordinate the Memorial Day, Flag Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies. It also organizes the annual Fourth of July parade and makes recommendations to the Council on other matters of a patriotic nature such as placing of names on the Municipal Complex memorial, as well as its maintenance. The Board's goal is to continue the recognition of all patriotic events and the education of the public regarding their participation and understanding.

Shade Tree Advisory Board: The Board was created in 1995 to provide technical and management advice to the Township Council and Shade Tree Supervisor as well as educating residents to the benefits and care of trees. The Board conducts tree inspections when necessary in conjunction with the Supervisor, assists in identifying suitable tree planting sites and recommends appropriate species for Township planting. The Board annually tracks and evaluates progress made towards the goals and objectives of the approved Community Forestry Management Plan. The Board also plans Teaneck's annual Arbor Day selection, sees that Teaneck maintains its Tree City USA status and is an active participant in the annual Clean and Green Weekend.

Teaneck Advisory Board on Ethics: The Board's purpose is to provide a method of assuring that standards of ethical conduct and financial disclosure requirements for local government officers and employees shall be clear, consistent, uniform in their application, enforceable, and to provide local officers and/or employees with advice and information concerning possible conflicts of interest with might arise in the conduct to their public duties. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org.

Teaneck Civilian Complaint Review Board: The Board provides an opportunity for anyone aggrieved by specific forms of police misconduct to bring a complaint before an independent, impartial body of residents, if they would be otherwise reluctant to complain directly to the Police

Department or Municipal Manager. The Board's role is to receive complaints of police misconduct (unnecessary force, excessive force, harassment or use of abusive language), investigate them, evaluate them, and, if appropriated, refer them to the appropriate disciplinary authorities. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org.

Teaneck Greenbelt Committee: The Committee was formed to protect the open space known as the "Greenbelt" along Route 4 in Teaneck by working with Township officials and NJDOT to improve safety and traffic flow along the highway. It is made up of representatives from various advisory boards, commissions and organizations in Township as well as interested residents. The Township Council has passed a Resolution, recommended by the Committee, to support the elimination of the eastbound bottleneck by widening the highway to three lanes in both directions. It has also been agreed that any land taken from the Greenbelt for highway improvements should be compensated by the State in the purchase of equal open space land within the Township.

Teaneck Senior Citizens Advisory Board: The Board is concerned with improving the quality of life for Teaneck residents. It advises and makes recommendations to Council about the concerns and needs of our older population. The Board maintains an interest in the program offerings at the Senior Services Center, transportation opportunities and wellness programs. Residents with any ideas, comments or suggestions should contact the Board through the Municipal Clerk's office.

Teaneck Economic Development Corporation: The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized under the auspices of the Township of Teaneck. Its purpose is to foster and nurture the current and future business climate within the Township. The Corporation has undertaken a project to create a business development plan which will involve all four commercial areas within the Township. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org.

Teaneck Historic Preservation Commission: Protecting and preserving the heritage of the past enhances the character, lifestyle and quality of life in Teaneck. The presence of historical landmarks is an essential element of municipal character and identity. These are the objectives of the Teaneck Historic Preservation Commission. In 2005, the Commission completed its designation process and the Township Council passed two ordinances, one in 2005 designating the Christian Cole House at 1617 River Road as an historic site and one in 2006 designating the Old Burial Ground at 662 Pomander Walk as an historic site. Additional sites are currently under review for possible designation to ensure their preservation for future generations of

Township residents. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org.

Teaneck Library Board of Trustees: The Board sets the policies which govern the operation and programs of the Teaneck Public Library. The Board works with its appointed Director to analyze and oversee the Library's operating and capital budgets, keeps abreast of standards and trends in the field and maintains liaisons with the Township Council, Board of Education, the Friends of the Library and the wider community. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org.

Teaneck Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse: The Alliance focuses its efforts towards the prevention of alcoholism and substance abuse. Its purpose is to develop prevention programs for outreach and community support. The Alliance works closely with Township officials, including Police, School Personnel, professional organizations and residents, to support local programs such as DARE, Project Graduation, Night Out, Parenting Workshops, Seniors' Programs and alcohol/drug free activities.

Teaneck Redevelopment Agency: The Teaneck Redevelopment Agency was created in 1970. by the Township Council. The Agency's mission was to acquire, plan and provide for the redevelopment of the area set forth as follows Routes 80-95 - Glenwood Avenue area, and to stimulate the proper and sound growth of this area of the Township. The Glenpointe Marriott Hotel and the Glenpointe Condominiums were part of the first phases of the redevelopment plan, completed during the late 1970s early 1980s. During 2003, the construction of an independent living facility which represents the development of the final portion of this area, was completed. Full information is available about the duties and authorities of the Board in the Township Code available at www.teanecknjgov.org.

Youth Advisory Board: The Teaneck Youth Adviosry Board is a Township-wide group whose mission is to develop recommendations for programs and other needs of youth, to express the ideas of youth, to bridge the gap between Township Officials and its youth and to empower our Teaneck youth with viable, established and real channels to make a difference; and

The Teaneck Township Youth Advisory Board consists of 11 children, grades 8-12 who reside in Teaneck from both public and private schools as well as 3 adults who may either be residents of the Township and/or work in the Township of Teaneck with all members appointed by the Township Council; and

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Board is to, among others:

1. Develop recommendations for programs and other needs of youth in the community.
2. Study/survey matters which are or may be related to or in the interest of the youth in our community.
3. Review current programs provided by the Township, Board of Education and private programs or schools and make recommendations on ways to better coordinate, change, expand or create new programs to address the needs of all our youth.
4. Make recommendations to the Township Council for programs and services not currently in existence to address the needs of all of our youth

To contact the Teaneck Youth Advisory Board, send email to yab@teanecknj.gov .

Below is a list of our current Statutory and Advisory Boards and Commissions:

- 1. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADA COMMITTEE ON SELF EVALUATION & GRIEVANCE**
- 2. ADVISORY BOARD ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**
- 3. ADVISORY BOARD ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- 4. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
- 5. ADVISORY BOARD ON CABLE TV FRANCHISE RENEWAL**
- 6. CEDAR LANE MANAGEMENT GROUP**
- 7. CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD**
- 8. CLEAN AND GREEN ADVISORY BOARD**
- 9. ADVISORY BOARD ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS**
- 10. COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM**
- 11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
- 12. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**
- 13. ADVISORY BOARD OF ETHICS**
- 14. FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD**
- 15. F.O.R.U.M.**
- 16. PRESERVE TEANECK GREENBELT COMMITTEE**
- 17. HACKENSACK RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD**
- 18. HISTORIC NEW BRIDGE LANDING PARK COMMISSION**
- 19. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
- 20. LIBRARY BOARD**
- 21. OPEN SPACE TRUST MUNICIPAL PROGRAM REGIONAL COMMITTEE**
- 22. PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

- 23. **PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE ADVISORY BOARD**
- 24. **PLANNING BOARD**
- 25. **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**
- 26. **SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD**
- 27. **SITE PLAN REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD**
- 28. **SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**
- 29. **TEANECK MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE**
- 30. **TEANECK'S HISTORIC BURIAL GROUND ADVISORY BOARD**
- 31. **TETERBORO AIRPLANE NOISE ABATEMENT ACTION COMMITTEE**
- 32. **TRANSPORTATION - WEST SHORE COMMITTEE**
- 33. **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

[APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE OR COMMITTEE](#)